

News Release

Georgia's Important Bird Area Coordinator to Present Thursday, April 3, 2014, at the U of M Crookston; Presentation begins at 7 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

By Itollefs on Thursday, March 27, 2014 Bird conservation will be the focus of a presentation by Charlie Muise Georgia's Important Bird

coordinator on Thursday, April 3, 2014, at the University of Minnesota Crookston. The program will take place at 7 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. There is no admission charge and all are welcome. The Important Bird Areas program of the National Audubon Society is designed to save birds and their habitats.

Muise has been involved in a number of bird conservation projects in Georgia and will explain the Important Bird Area program. For the past seven years, Muise has conducted research on a variety of bird-related subjects. Some of his projects include native prairie restoration on songbird populations; assisting with research on whimbrel and American oystercatcher migratory pathways; sharp-tailed sparrow (Nelson's, Henslow's, Seaside, and Saltmarsh) wintering habitat and distribution; Georgia's first ever northern saw-whet owl banding station; loggerhead shrike radio telemetry to determine home range sizes; and prescribed fire in longleaf, prairie, and loblolly pine habitats.

Vanessa Lane, lecturer in the area of natural resources, is pleased to have someone with Muise's expertise on campus. "Mr. Muise is a great public speaker, extremely knowledgeable, with amazing stories, information and photographs," Lane says. "He will be engaging and the audience will take away great information on bird conservation."

The event is sponsored by Natural Resources Club, the UMC Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society, and the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. To learn more about the work of Georgia's Important Bird Areas program, visit <http://www.atlantaaudubon.org/iba-georgia>.

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